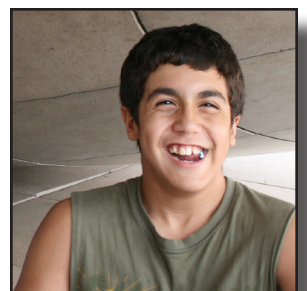


Potential Leader Packet





Why does crew exist?

In Matthew 22 a man comes to Jesus and asks Him, "Which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus responds that the greatest is to love the Lord with all your heart and soul and mind. The second greatest, he continues, is to love your neighbor as yourself. Our mission statements reflects our desire to be people of the Great Commandments. Once we love God and people more than ourselves, the Great Commission becomes an obvious and natural outflow of who we are instead of a forced task to complete. Our mission can be summarized as follows:

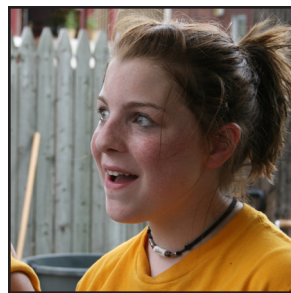
crew's mission is to connect students to God and to each other.

Students need adults who:

- Love God and live for Him
- Take initiative to get to know students
- Pray for students
- Will be real
- Will be encouraging
- Believe in students
- Can laugh and have a good time
- Remember names
- Share God's love through personal experience
- Will be consistent with attendance
- Will be patient

10 Myths About Being a Great Volunteer Youth Worker

1. You must know everything that's going on in youth culture at all times.
2. You must have extensive training and be equipped to teach the Bible.
3. You must feel needed at all times.
4. You must always feel comfortable.
5. You must be one of the kids.
6. You must have plenty of free time.
7. You must be a perfect Christian.
8. You must be wild, crazy and dynamic.
9. You must be liked by ALL the kids and their parents.
10. You must own a 15-passenger van.



Ways to get involved

Here at crew, we understand that each person approaches ministry with different time restraints and levels of commitment. The following breaks down different leadership roles within crew.

Youth Leader

This is the most general type of leadership in crew. A Youth Leader commits to regular attendance of services and activities. The Youth Leader prays for, encourages and builds relationship with students.

09hundred Teacher

Traditionally known as "Sunday School", 09hundred is the discipleship element of crew. 09hundred Teachers commit to instructing a Jr. High or Sr. High class for a six week (or as otherwise determined by curriculum) at 9am on Sunday mornings.

Home Group Leader

Committing to lead a Home Group is an important and often time consuming decision. The rewards, however, far outweigh the temporary sacrifices. Responsibilities of a Home Group Leader include: attending Home Group meetings (1st and 3rd Sunday nights of the month), preparing for and leading discussion times, developing relationships with students and coordinating clean up before leaving the Host's home.

Home Group Host

A Home Group Host simply provides a space for our Home Groups to meet. Because students need consistency, we suggest that Home Group Hosts commit to opening their homes for the duration of one school semester. All that is needed is the space to meet. Our Home Group Leaders will provide food, instruction and coordination of the event (including clean up).

Bible Quiz Coach

Bible Quiz meets every Sunday morning for nine months out of the year. Students memorize passages of the Bible and have monthly competitions with other churches around the state of Illinois. Coaches challenge students to study God's Word and help prepare them for their meets.



The Steps to Involvement:

The first step to becoming involved in student ministries is to ask yourself the following questions: Do I love God and do I like students? If you answer yes to both of those, then consider yourself a prime candidate for student ministry.

1. Check out the program.

While you are in the process of completing the application packet, we want you to observe our Sunday and Wednesday night events. This can be a great way for you to get a feel for what we do here at crew. You will have a chance to meet students and other staff and to write out any questions or thoughts that you have. Observing can often be overwhelming or uncomfortable (students don't typically go out of their way to make you feel welcome...until you get to know them). This is a natural feeling everyone has and we encourage you to continue observing.

2. Prayerfully consider your commitment.

We want you to take time to pray and think through this commitment as well as talk with family and/or friends about your desire to serve in student ministries.

3. Complete a Worker Application.

The Worker Application can be picked up from Pastor Erik. We perform a mandatory background check on EVERY person who works with minors. You will also need to provide us with three references.

3. Schedule an interview.

Every one of our leaders must be interviewed. During this time, you'll have the chance to get to know more about us, and we'll learn more about you. You'll have the opportunity to describe your spiritual journey, and discuss in more detail your gifts and desires for working with students.